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Title: RIDGE VENTILATION SYSTEM

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION  
(PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.175)

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Sir:

I, J. Charles Headrick, the named inventor of the above-identified patent, submit the following Reissue Application Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR §1.175.

I hereby declare and state:

1. The residence address and citizenship for me is as stated below next to my name, and I believe that I am the original and sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,371,847, issued April 16, 2002, for which invention I respectfully solicit a reissue patent.

**Acknowledgement of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor**

2. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent specification, including the claims as amended by all prior amendments made thereto, including the Preliminary Amendment submitted in this Application for Reissue Patent.

3. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me that is material to the patentability of this Application for Reissue Patent. In compliance with this duty, an Information Disclosure Statements is being submitted herewith in this Application for Reissue Patent.

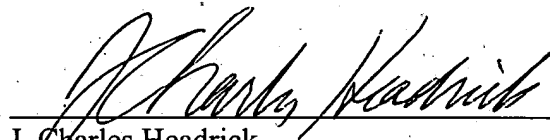
**Statement of Inoperativeness or in Validity of Original Patent (37 CFR § 1.175)**

4. I state that the at least one error in United States Patent No. 6,317,847 ("the '847 Patent") is the result of an insufficiency in the claims in that less was claimed than applicant had a right to claim in the '847 Patent. (37 CFR § 1.175(a)(1)). For example, the recitation of a "plurality of fasteners removably secured to each of the ridge vent sections" in independent claim 1 was not needed to distinguish the invention over the references cited and applied in the prosecution of the patent. Instead, as indicated in the specification, the invention encompasses any one or more fasteners stowed or attached in any manner on or otherwise carried by a ridge vent section for fastening the ridge vent section to a roof. Thus, the invention should have been more broadly claimed in terms of a fastener or fasteners stowed on a ridge vent section. The original claims 1-15 of the '847 Patent and new claims 16-37 submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith in this Application for Reissue Patent are believed to define a ridge ventilation system and a ridge vent section that are patentably distinct over the cited references of record, and over the references cited in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

5. I additionally state that all errors in the specification, claims and drawings of the '847 Patent that are now being corrected by this Reissue Application and the Amendments filed in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant. (37 CFR § 1.175(a)(2)).

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on the information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above application or any reissue patent issued thereon.

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